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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board
Corning International Corporation
717 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Bob:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Fran Wilcox. I propose to address the covert operations interest in context with your earlier letter to me. You will appreciate that the sensitivity of current activities precludes wider discussion. However, should you or other commissioners desire further elaborations, please let me know.

Sincerely,

7s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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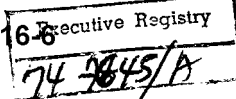
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Dean Francis O. Wilcox
 Commission on the Organization of the
 Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy
 2025 M Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Fran:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October requesting a briefing on covert operations to be given the Commissioners on 18 November in the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board offices.

We plan to provide a broad treatment of the subject with some historic examples and a description of the decision processes involved, their approval and oversight. The briefing will be designed particularly to provide the Commissioners with a clear picture of how covert operations serve U. S. foreign policy. Current covert operations will not be covered. Should any of the Commissioners find further need to go into sensitive current activity, I have advised Ambassador Murphy that I will treat with this request separately in a more restrictive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

cc: Ambassador Murphy

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2025 M STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 25, 1974

Mr. William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

K1 Confirming the recent discussion between
[redacted] and Fisher Howe, I would like
to request that a briefing by the Central
Intelligence Agency be given on the subject of
covert operations to our Commission on the Conduct
of Foreign Policy on November 18 in the office
of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory
Board. Only Commissioners and three or four
fully cleared staff members working on the subject
would be present.

Once again we are most appreciative of your
assistance.

Cordially,

Francis O. Wilcox

Francis O. Wilcox
Executive Director

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24 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 October 1974

Nelson noted a telephone call from Kent Crane advising that the Murphy Commission would like an oral briefing on clandestine collection and covert action. This request will be conveyed from Chairman Murphy to the DCI, and the Director asked that it be responded to in writing incorporating any limitations imposed by the legislation creating the Commission.

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